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Dear Parents,

We are now half way through this term and we have been so impressed with the children's hard work in completing their learning activities each day. They have adapted so well to the new way of learning and we have been so pleased with the levels of engagement and work produced.

We have published our Remote Education offer in line with the statutory requirement set out by the DfE and this is available to view via our school website <http://mereworth.kent.sch.uk/remote-learning/> As previously communicated, we are gradually introducing the government requirements and next week there will be Science learning in addition to daily English, Maths, Directed Time, a PE session and a PSHE session. Teachers will communicate all home learning expectations via their daily class emails. **Please ensure that you prioritise the English and Maths daily learning videos and activities. This is in line with our whole school focus for this academic year of ensuring that we recover lost learning in these key subject areas.**

#### **Testing for staff in Primary Schools:**

From next week, the government have requested that all staff working in primary schools take part in twice-weekly lateral flow tests (LFD). Research shows that 1 in 3 people may have the virus and be asymptomatic; by taking part in this testing programme we can help interrupt the chain of transmission of the virus and protect both the school and the wider community.

We will continue to inform you all of any cases of COVID-19 amongst staff or pupils attending school. Staff that have a positive LFD test result will need to self-isolate in line with the stay-at-home guidance and have a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result. We would like parents to understand in advance that if staff are isolating whilst awaiting a PCR result or having received a positive PCR result, there may be interruptions to our normal staffing structure. These may result in staff changes to 'class bubbles' and/or bubble closure if we do not have enough staff to cover those who are absent.

#### **Reminders:**

##### **School packed lunch:**

- Please ensure that there are no nuts or nut products included in your child's packed lunch.
- Please include a separate drink with your child's packed lunch, in addition to their usual water bottle.

##### **After School Club provision:**

- Our After School Club is available every day until 6.00pm. To book a place please email: [casc@mereworth.kent.sch.uk](mailto:casc@mereworth.kent.sch.uk) Please note that payment should be made in advance via Scopay and any cancellation within 24 hours will be subject to the full cost of the session(s) booked.

Finally, please continue to contact us if you need any support or advice.

Yours sincerely,  
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